

Amendments to the Abstract:

Please replace the abstract with the following Abstract of the Disclosure.

“An illumination device for backlighting an image reproduction device containing light valves, the illumination device including a plurality of luminous spots arranged in grid format on a flat thermally conductive carrier. Each luminous spot having a plurality of light emitting diodes electrically insulated from one another, and a submount exhibiting good thermal conductivity and being connected to the carrier.”